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THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF
CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION CONTAINED
IN DOCUMENT CD/CW/WP/400/REV.2

Introduction

Cuba, which has been involved from the beginning in the negotiation of a Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, recognizes that document CD/CW/WP/400/Rev.2 is the result of many years of efforts to negotiate an agreement on the elimination of this category of weapons from the arsenals of a number of States and on the destruction of their production facilities. Cuba also considers it important that the above-mentioned draft Convention should provide for a multilateral inspection and verification system to prevent the production of such weapons by those possessing the necessary industrial and economic capability.

Cuba regrets that it was not possible to deal more fully in the draft Convention with another set of questions of great importance to the developing countries, namely, the prohibition of the use of herbicides as a method of warfare, particularly in view of the shared aspiration to have the Convention acceded to by all States. Furthermore, the draft deals with matters which are not necessarily connected with the central objectives of the future Convention.

The comments below refer in greater detail to some of the points raised above.